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Michael F. Easley, Governor  
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Michael Moseley, Director

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Dear LME/Area Program Directors:

In just two years, the state's new psychiatric hospital will open, beginning a new era for North Carolina's psychiatric hospitals. As we embark on this mission, leadership is very important. I'm pleased to say that we have found the perfect person to lead our efforts. Patsy Christian, who has been director of John Umstead Hospital since 1993, has agreed to serve as director of the new hospital.

Patsy is completing her 20th year with John Umstead Hospital, where she began her work with the division as assistant director of nursing. Patsy has extensive background in nursing and hospital administration.

Patsy began her career as a charge nurse on the third shift at a Georgia hospital, so she understands the needs of line workers. She knows what it is like to be tired and put in long hours on her feet. That perspective is going to be important as she works to bring the new hospital on line in 2007. Patsy is absolutely committed to ensuring that the new hospital provides high quality psychiatric care and a strong, cohesive, nurturing working environment.

Patsy also has a strong academic background, having published several articles on topics that are important to our work. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing and a Ph.D in Higher Education/Administration.

I also want to inform you that Dorothea Dix Hospital Director Terry Stelle has announced that he will retire effective October 1. Terry has done a wonderful job at Dix Hospital as well as in his other many professional roles with the MH/DD/SAS Division over his career.

These are exciting times for the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services and our psychiatric hospitals. We are making history with the central hospital. Now that the building is under construction and we have a director with a proven track record we can really start planning in earnest for the day when the doors open.

Patsy will go to work immediately to put together a management team for the new hospital. Both Patsy and I will hold meetings at Dorothea Dix and John Umstead hospitals in September. At that time, we will unveil our plans for how we plan to get the new central hospital up and running by the summer of 2007. I can assure you that we want employees at both Dix and Umstead to be involved in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Moseley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Moseley

